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HOIST THE DEMOCRATIC FLAG.

The Democratic County Central Committee Has Formally Opened the Great Campaign for Victory.

The County Convention Called to Meet on June 12 to Nominate All County Candidates.

While All of the Congressional Conventions Are Ordered to Do Their Work July 10.

The Democratic County Convention to elect delegates to the State Convention and to nominate county officers has been called for June 12. The primaries will be held on the previous day.

All Congressional conventions will be held July 10.

The County Central Committee declared against nominating a candidate for United States Senator in the State Convention on account of inexpediency.

A new issue has been raised to trouble the local Republican leaders. When the county committee met Saturday and voted to hold the convention for Cook May 12 the general opinion was that it would be a mere formal affair, and that after the selection of delegates from the various wards and country towns to represent the county in the State convention, a resolution would be passed instructing those delegates to vote for Henry Wulff for State Treasurer and then adjournment. It will not be nearly as simple as that. The delegates to the State convention will be selected. Henry Wulff will be endorsed. But adjournment will not follow. Mr. Cullom's friends have begun to assert themselves. They are reaching out to capture the delegates. They know it would be no use to attempt to capture the convention. They will labor to get their men elected as delegates. The Mason men and other anti-Cullom men are excited over the outlook.

Lincoln Park Commissioner Bernard Weber would make a strong candidate for State Treasurer.

Thos. P. Sullivan, the popular Democrat and well-known North Side grocer, is mentioned for County Commissioner.

J. M. Browning, President Du Quoin Coal Co. and popular with the miners, is mentioned as the Democratic candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In the First Congressional District the Republican majority is so overwhelming that it is doubtful if Joel M. Longenecker, the probable Republican nominee, will have any opposition.

Ex-Alderman John Gaynor, the stalwart Eighteenth Ward Democrat and President of the Standard Brewery, will be the next State Senator from his district.

Stephen A. Reynolds, the well-known Attorney, who served several terms in the Legislature, has been endorsed by Republicans of the Fifteenth Senatorial District for the nomination of State Senator.

It is intimated that Drainage Trustee Lyman E. Cooley is likely to succeed Superintendent Pettigrew of the Lincoln Park Board.

James R. B. Van Cleave's candidacy for the Shrivervalt is being pushed with vigor, as is that of his only strong competitor, James Pease of Lake View. William Boldenweck still persists in being a candidate for the County Treasurership, but cannot

possibly make, it as Mr. Pease will come into the convention with the solid support of the two wards—the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth—in which Mr. Boldenweck's only strength lies.

Congressman Julius Goldzier is not a candidate for renomination, as the Democrats have practically decided on nominating him for Probate Judge, which office is more congenial to his taste. Albert Phalen has been slated for some time to succeed Goldzier, and will assuredly be the next Congressman from the Sixth District.

Chas. G. Neely has been endorsed for County Judge by the Republican Club of Cicero. Mr. Neely states most emphatically that he will under no circumstances accept a nomination for Congress. John R. Parker, Chas. S. Deenen, Mr. Neely and Col. Farlin Q. Ball are the leading candidates on the Republican side for County Judge.

The settlement in the Republican ranks that Henry Wulff shall receive the nomination for State Treasurer clears the field, and now there is a hustle among politicians for nominations for county offices. The following ticket for three important places will probably go through:

For Sheriff.....J. R. B. Van Cleave
For Treasurer.....S. H. Raymond
For County Clerk.....S. W. Hiderburg

This ticket represents the three divisions of the city, and will prove a strong one. Assessor Pease, of Lake View, and William Boldenweck, ex-Mayor of the same place, are both candidates for County Treasurer, and the latter may win if Mr. Raymond declines to enter the field. Mr. Raymond is just recovering from a very painful illness. He will be actively about this week. Mr. Hiderburg's selection will add great strength to the ticket, as he is one of the most popular and reputable Republicans in Cook County. His long service in the office makes him thoroughly conversant with the duties imposed, and his promotion is well deserved. All admit that the selection of Mr. Hiderburg is an admirable one.

The Jeffersonian Club has elected the following official staff:

President.....Adams A. Goodrich
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The club will have its headquarters at 3947 Michigan avenue, in the building lately occupied by the Phoenix Club. The initiation fee has been placed at \$5 and dues at \$1 a month.

William Nugent, of the Eleventh Ward, and John Foley, of the Twelfth, are talked of for County Commissioners on the Democratic side, but Mr. Nugent may accept a nomination

for the Legislature from the new Fifteenth District. Both are strong with the people.

The Republicans have a working majority in the City Council and the corporations are being worked.

It has been decided to hold the Democratic county convention on June 12, the seven Congressional conventions on July 10, and the Senatorial conventions as soon as possible after the constitutionality of the apportionment is determined.

A number of ward delegations have endorsed Jarvis Blume for County Judge. That genial gentleman says he is not an aspirant in any sense of the word. However, his friends insist on presenting his name to the convention.

Judge Arthur H. Chetlain has been sued in the Circuit Court by Perry H. Smith, Jr., to recover the face value of a promissory note for \$1,500 given ten years ago.

Z. R. Carter, the stalwart Republican and well-known commission merchant, may be the nominee for Congressman from his district.

The Lake Shore Railroad is said to be all torn up over Mayor Hopkins' idea of track elevation.

The Municipal Order League has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. H. W. Duncanson; Vice President, Mrs. J. H. Kloeber; Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Tobin; Treasurer, Mrs. S. L. Jenks; directors, Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson, Miss Ada Sweet, Mesdames J. H. Hobbs, Oliver H. Hicks, J. W. Keen, Jr.

Fred Blount has resigned his position as a member of the West Park Board of Commissioners. The resignation is now in the hands of Governor Altgeld's friends in this city, and is sure to be accepted. It is intimated that C. L. Bonney will succeed Mr. Blount.

West Town Supervisor Frank Kilcrane is strongly backed for the Probate Court Clerkship. Frank is one of the most popular young Democrats in Cook County and doesn't know what "defeat" means. His nomination would certainly add strength to the ticket, and he stands an excellent show of being the nominee.

If the Sidewalk Inspector in the Twelfth Ward has a few moments to spare, he might find something to interest him by walking up and down Leavitt street, from Madison to Harrison street, provided he does not break his neck in so doing. The

garbage boxes in the alley west of Leavitt, between Jackson and Van Buren, are also crying aloud for a wagon and the fumigators.

James McAndrews, Jr., the popular and genial ex-secretary of the City Building Department, will probably be appointed Superintendent of Sewers by Mayor Hopkins to succeed the late O. H. Cheney.

While Wm. H. Tatge, the able Republican attorney, avers that he is not an aspirant for the nomination of County Judge, there is no one denying the fact that he would be a strong candidate should he be selected as the standard-bearer.

During the past week the prospects of John R. Parker's securing the Republican nomination for County Judge have grown exceedingly bright. All factions in his own ward, the Twelfth, have united in his interest and he will have the solid delegation in the convention. Leaders throughout the city and county admit the candidate should come from the West Side, and from present indications the West Side wards will be a unit for Parker. He is one of the ablest lawyers in the State, and no stronger man could be named for the office. He is not making a scramble for the nomination, but will enter the campaign to win should his party see fit to honor him with the nomination. Democrats and Republicans alike recognize his eminent ability to fill the position honorably and impartially in the interests of the whole people.

The friends of W. E. Mason have entered on a systematic canvass with the purpose of obtaining the endorsement of the Republican County Convention for him for United States Senator. They say Cook County is entitled to name the candidate, and if any one is named Mr. Mason must be the man. Democrats are likely to pick up some Cook County man like Franklin MacVeagh or John A. King. That being the case, the Republicans will have to take up a Cook County man, and Mason must be the man, they say. Iroquois County recently instructed for Mason, and at the Republican County Convention held at Mount Carroll, Ill., Tuesday, the delegates were selected to attend the State, Congressional, and Senatorial conventions. Those to attend the State convention go uninstructed, but it is understood they are for Smith D. Atkins for Treasurer and William E. Mason for United States Senator.

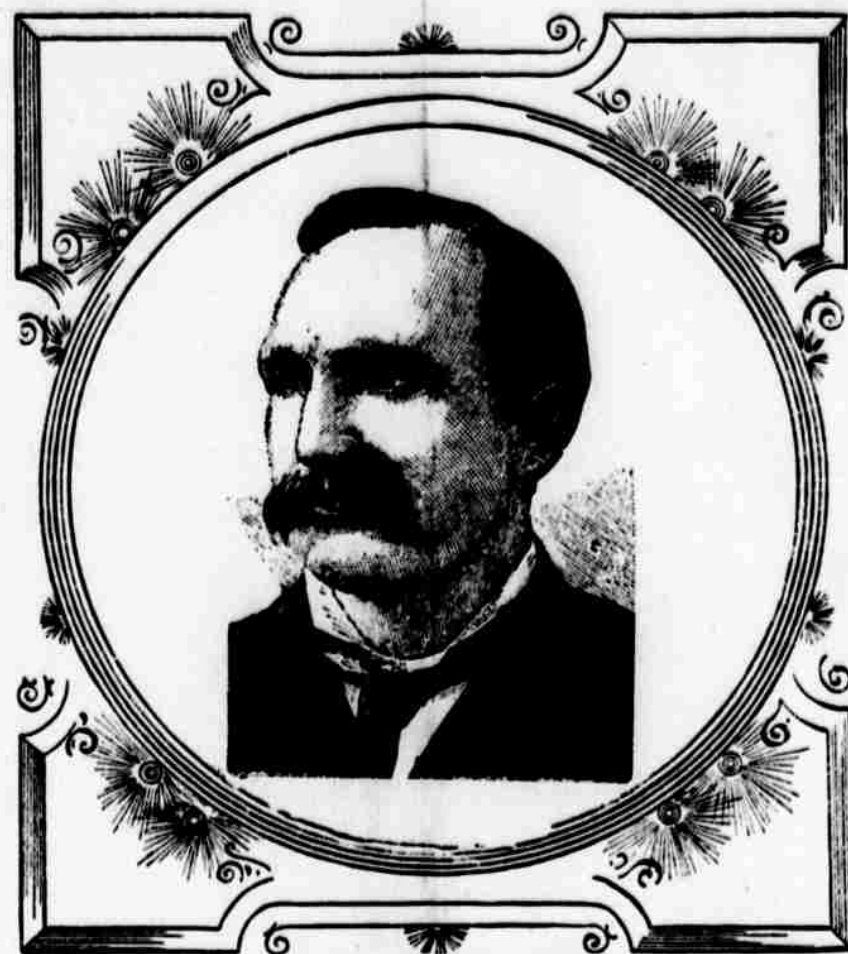
Tuesday was payday for employees of the city, but no one got any money. Wednesday the prospects

were no brighter, and there was much complaint, especially from firemen and policemen. Comptroller Ackerman was found signing warrants for the pay of policemen, and said that he couldn't pay on the first day of the month, because he didn't get the payroll until the day before. The delay is not caused by lack of money, but Mr. Ackerman says he must have time to look over the rolls before paying. The employees say they wouldn't object to having any particular day set aside as payday, if they could be sure to get their money then. But they do protest against failure to pay them on the day when their salaries are due.

Three prominent Chicago gentlemen arrived in the city yesterday, Captain Thomas C. Kane, Colonel James Wallace, and Major William C. McClure. It is said that these gentlemen represent a Chicago syndicate, and are here with the view of investing in Alabama land, and may possibly purchase sites here upon which will be erected a brewery and a distillery. Capt. Kane is a well-known prominent Chicago official, Col. James Wallace is a contractor of ability and experience, and Major William C. McClure a newspaper correspondent of celebrity. Major McClure, in 1866, was a resident of Memphis, Tenn., and was a partner with the late Admiral Semmes and Colonel L. Dupree in the Bulletin. These gentlemen will remain in the city for a few days and are the guests of a distinguished fellow citizen.—Mobile (Ala.) Register, April 27.

Governor Altgeld is at the helm of State in Springfield again. He is in better health than he has been for years, his Southern trip having made a new man of him.

At the Methodist conference in New York, Rev. Julius Nelson, of Roxbury, Conn., was a candidate for confirmation as elder. The point was raised against him that he was in debt, and this precipitated a discussion as to his fitness for ordination. A committee investigated the case and reported that Mr. Nelson received a salary of \$300 a year, and his parish included three churches widely separated, so that he had to keep a horse to drive from fourteen to thirty-eight miles every Sunday. This report not only settled the right of Rev. Mr. Nelson to confirmation but caused the brethren to raise a purse of \$200 for him. In these days of fashionable churches and high-priced pastors men may sometimes be tempted to regard the clergy as inspired by the same ambitions that move other men, but they need only to turn to the country to find the ministers who serve the Lord without naming the price.



MR. GEORGE V. HANKINS.

The Most Popular Race Horse Owner in the West, and Leader of Chicago's Turf Interests.

BANNING TO RUN IN THE FIFTH.

The Well-Known Republican Lawyer Shies His Castor Into the Ring for Congressional Honors.

Strong Probability That He Will Have No Trouble in Receiving a Unanimous Nomination.

Other Democrats Are Out for Durborow's Seat in the Persons of Maypole and Brennan.

There is going to be some great fighting in the new Fifth Congressional District this year. The Republicans are unanimously in favor of the nomination of Ephraim Banning, the distinguished lawyer. Mr. Banning, who will be endorsed by the Republicans unanimously, is a great campaigner. He was born on a farm near Bushnell, McDonough County, Ill., July 21, 1849. His father was a Virginian and his mother a Kentuckian. The latter was a sister of the late Judge Pinkney H. Walker, of the Supreme Court of Illinois, and her father and uncle were able lawyers, both in Kentucky and Illinois. The family moved to Kansas in 1855, where his father and older brothers, who were pronounced abolitionists, were active in making Kansas a free State, the meetings of the Committee of the Constitutional Convention, which declared against slavery, being held at his father's house. In 1860 the family moved back to Missouri, from which State two of his older brothers enlisted in the Union army, one being killed in the battle of Nashville and the other serving until the end of the war.

Mr. Banning grew up, as it were, between the plow handles, always from early childhood being used to the hard work necessary in pioneer farm life. He received his education in the common schools and in an academy at Brookfield, Mo. After studying law a while at Brookfield, he came to Chicago in June, 1871, and continued his professional studies until October, 1872, at which time he opened an office and began practice for himself. For the last twelve or fifteen years he has been extensively engaged in the practice of patent and trade mark law. During this time he has argued many important cases in the United States Supreme Court and in the Federal Courts at Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Kansas City, St. Paul, Des Moines and other places. Before engaging in patent law he was in general practice for six or eight years, and had large experience in chancery practice, and in real estate, corporation, and commercial law. He is a self-made man, and through his own efforts has attained his present position at the bar. It is said that, with one exception, the firm of Banning & Banning have argued more cases in the United States Supreme Court during the last twelve years than any other law firm in the West.

Mr. Banning is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and a member of the Union League, Illinois and Ashland Clubs. He was married in October, 1878, to Lucetta T. Lindsey, who died in February, 1887. He was married again, to Emille B. Jenne, in September, 1889. He has three children—all boys. He is an old resident of the present Fifth Congressional District, having lived in the vicinity of Washington boulevard and Robey streets ever since 1871.

Senator Noonan's early entry into the Congressional race in the Fifth District has brought out several new candidates. Ald. Brennan, of the

Eighteenth Ward, was announced on the Democratic side yesterday. He will have the backing of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth, in addition to the Eighteenth Ward. Wm. T. Maypole, of the Thirteenth Ward, is also a red-hot candidate, and it is claimed that he has strong assurances of support from leaders in every ward in the district.

There is among Democratic authorities a strong conviction that Albert Phalen, the well-known attorney and author and compiler of "Phalen's Criminal Cases," will be the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Sixth District. Mr. Phalen is well and favorably known throughout the district, and is sure of election by a handsome majority. The appended comments by leading attorneys suggest the tenor of thought in this regard. Luther Ladlin Mills: "I have known Albert Phalen ever since he came to Chicago. He is an excellent lawyer, a fair-minded, honorable gentleman, and will make an excellent Congressman." Judge Joel M. Longenecker: "Despite political differences, I must say that Albert Phalen will make a splendid Congressman. He has proven his capital ability by writing a work on criminal law which is an authority. Besides this he is conspicuously honest, conservative, acute, and able. It is a rare combination of good qualities." Charles G. Neely: "Albert Phalen is clear-headed, energetic, but not hasty, sound in law and deliberate in judgment, as well as of high character and wide reputation. His hold on the people was shown in the remarkable strength he developed in the last Congressional campaign."

In the Second District Clayton E. Crafts, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives at Springfield, will certainly receive the Democratic nomination. He will be opposed by Charles E. Piper, President of the Cicero Board of Trustees, who will be the Republican nominee. The district was cut out for a safe Democratic majority of 1,500, but Mr. Piper is one of the shrewdest politicians, as well as one of the most popular business men, in the district. He will make a hard fight.

Wilson Darlington, a commission merchant doing business at the stock-yards and residing in the Thirtieth Ward, is the latest candidate mentioned on the Republican side for Congress in the Second District.

The Third District is heavily Democratic. Lawrence E. McGann will be renominated by the Democrats there, and the Republicans will nominate Marcus Pollasky, the great promoter and capitalist, whom they rely on to reduce the majority considerably, as he is one of the finest orators in the West. He will take the stump and make an active canvass in the interests of the grand old party.

The Democrats are in hopes of being able to carry five out of the seven Congressional districts of Cook County.